

LSA Annual Membership Meeting Minutes

May 13, 2014

Called to order by President, Sheri Weyhing at 7:07PM. The meeting was held at Owl Creek Country Club. Minutes taken by LSA Secretary, Jodeen Whitlow

Attendance: Sheri Weyhing, Sheri Carey, Rebecca Hatch-Purnell, Carmen Riggs, Andrea Sower, Jodeen Whitlow, Amy Scheinler, Jessica Pugh, Jennifer Thacker

Board Members Absent: Bill Harper, Cindy Merrell, Liane Moeller, Sharon Perkins, Jeannine Flynn

Consent Agenda: Reports were email to Board members prior to meeting.

Treasurer's Report - The Treasurer's report was not discussed at this meeting. Only Board Members attended the Annual Meeting and this report was previously discussed and approved during the April Board Member Meeting.

Other Reports-

Summer contract update given by Rebecca Hatch-Purnell. Becca held a meeting with coaches to discuss the summer contract and adjustments were made to meet the demands of all levels. Several sessions are full and have a waiting list. Steps were taken to move skaters around who did not have lessons during sessions. A new Pilates class will be offered.

Becca discussed visiting skaters who joined as Associate Members to contract for the summer sessions. Very beneficial to club because they take full advantage of all training opportunities available.

Safe Sport Program- report given by Amy Scheinler. Amy discussed what a Safe Sport program is and how LSA will be implementing a program under the guidelines of USFSA. The following is an email sent to LSA Membership regarding Safe Sport:

With summer skating just around the corner, it's a good time to introduce the Safe Sport program to you, the members of Louisville Skating Academy. Below is a summary of the Safe Sport Program, an initiative by the U.S. Olympic Committee to stop abuse in sport, that was presented at the Annual Membership meeting. Please read below and look for more communication to follow regarding this important program. We all play a role in keeping our skaters (our children) safe!

Safe Sport Program

What is Safe Sport?

Safe Sport is U.S. Figure Skating's initiative to recognize, reduce, and respond to misconduct in sport. The six primary types of misconduct are:

1. Bullying
2. Harassment

3. Hazing
4. Emotional Misconduct
5. Physical Misconduct, and
6. Sexual Misconduct, including Child Sexual Abuse

Why Safe Sport?

Sport can be a high-risk environment for misconduct and abuse. Studies show that as many as 1 in 8 athletes are abused within their sport. Sports organizations, like LSA, need to have a plan for prevention and reporting misconduct and abuse.

Who is affected by Safe Sport?

All members of the sports community play a role in reducing misconduct and abuse in sport. This includes: athletes, coaches, parents, judges and volunteers.

Safe Sport and LSA:

LSA has appointed a Safe Sport chair: Amy Scheinler, to coordinate and implement the U.S. Figure Skating Safe Sport Program within our club. To this date we have:

- Reviewed the Safe Sport materials provided by USFSA and become familiar with the clubs existing practices regarding athlete safety.
- Had at least 3 members complete the online Safe Sport program with the goal of having additional coaches complete the training.
- Verified background checks on coaching staff.
- Advised off-ice instructors to hold class in the public area of the rink or invite parents to observe the class if there are just one or two students in the class.

We are continuing to work towards compliance with US Figure Skating's Safe Sport policies regarding:

- Athlete protection and commitment to safety
- Two-deep leadership and appropriate supervision
- Locker room and changing room policy
- Social media, mobile and electronic communications policy
- Safe Sport travel guidelines
- Codes of conduct for skaters, parents, coaches and club board members

For more information regarding the Safe Sport program, please visit the USFSA website: www.usfigureskating.org. You will find Safe Sport listed under "Clubs" in the toolbar. Or, contact Amy Scheinler: ascheinler@hotmail.com

In addition Amy discussed steps that will be taken by LSA to notify membership, in a separate email, of their responsibilities to keep skaters safe this summer.

Motion made to Adjourn meeting was made by Andrea Sower, 2nd by Sheri Carey

Meeting adjourned at 8:09PM